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## (EXCERPT)

Filton Lewis, Jr., at 7:00 P.M. over WWDC (Washington) and the Mutual Network:

The Senate Rules Committee today approved a resolution which bodes trouble for one controversial agency of the Federal government, a resolution to set up a joint watch-dog committee to investigate and keep an eye on the operations and expenditures of the C.I.C. (SIC) -- C.I.A., the CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, which now is headed by Secretary of State Dulles' brother, Alland That one has been in the wind for a long time and probably should have been undertaken way back because there is no agency of the fearest government out of which so much suspicious smoke has been curling for years as this one.

one for any government such as this one of ours and the very nature of it invites the sort of trouble and irregularity that every dictate of good government should avoid. This, of course, is our foreign intelligence operation, corresponding abroad to the Federal Bureau of Investigation here at home. Just why it's necessary to have it in a separate agency, however, has always been a mystery.

From the time it was first set-up, the end of the World War II, there have been constant clues of a very unhappy nature about it, and constant charges that this is not going as it enould. All suggestions for an investigation of the set-up, however, are met always with the argument that in the very nature of things, the affairs of the Central Intelligence Agency cannot be aired in public because that would expose its operations, its agents, its informers and its expenditures.

"That's all very well, but it is not a good business to have a public agency on which there's no check at all, not even a

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first tel eldit, no check of the projects on which it spends its morey, and Senator Jenner of Indiana, who was smong those who voted for the resolution today, asid Congress doesn't even know low made money it gives the ColoA.

"I know that I found out in the Far East that C.I.A. was financing all sorts of odd and peculiar projects there as covers for purported intelligence activities and many of those ectivities and not nave a severy reputation. It is reportedly supporting, firencially, the so-celled Radio Free Europe which I have found consistently on my trips across the Atlantic to be under considerable shadow.

"I was informed as late as Sunday night by one of Europe's lest informed political experts, who has just arrived in this country for his own intelligence purposes, that the Radio Free Europe broadcasts to Czechoslovakia are so much the opposite of what they should be that Radio Prague, the Communist radio in the Czech capital, has been recording these broadcasts from the air and playing them back as their own communist propagands. And the source of that information I consider to be unimpeachably reliable. Furthermore, the general tenor of it is borne out by wintually every informed individual who returns from that area of the world.

"These are only surface scratches compared with the overall total of reports that are current about the C.I.A. and its performances, and apparently the White House has reason to be disturbed about the reports too, because the President has just set up a special lay committee to make a study of the organization, after several preliminary studies by individuals at the recommendation of the Hoover Commission.

"In any event, the smoke is sufficient to have decided the Senate Rules Committee, with only two dissenting votes, to set up this special watch-dog committee to see what has been going on and to watch what goes on in the future. The White House appointed committee doesn't appear likely to amount to much, frankly—they seldom do—and this one is under the chairmanship of the President of Massachusetts Institute of lechnology, James R. Killian, who nimself has a record of statements that are very soft and very tolerant toward Communism and subversion.

\*By long observation one gets to know instructively how these lar commissions work; they come to Washington every six months—once every six months—sit down, listen to a boiler-plate report by Allan Dulkes, which is all sweetness and light, and then go pack, nome to forget it for another six months. I wouldn't be surprised to see this one get a juicy grant, and perhaps some staffing, from the Fund for the Republic.

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"by way of packing up the general picture I've painted for you bere, the Hoover Commission set up a task force headed by deseral Mark Clark to do a study of the C.I.A., and the report and findings were extremely critical and derogatory."